

Exploring Whiskeytown

Visitor Center The visitor center, open daily, has information, publications, maps, a bookstore, and exhibits about the area. For information call the visitor center at 530-246-1225 or park headquarters at 530-242-3400 during business hours.

Interpretive Activities Rangers give walks, talks, and evening programs at the Oak Bottom Amphitheater in summer. Check activity schedules on park bulletin boards, visit our website at www.nps.gov/whis, or ask at the visitor center.

Water Sports The lake offers kayaking, swimming, boating, waterskiing, scuba diving, sailing, and canoeing. Federal and state boating regulations apply. Ask for *Regulations and California Boating Tips*. Observe all restricted boating areas. Note: Personal watercrafts (PWC), such as jet skis, are prohibited on Whiskeytown Lake. Launch ramps are at Whiskey Creek, Oak Bottom, and Brandy Creek areas. Brandy Creek and Oak Bottom have snack bars and small stores (summer

only). Oak Bottom Marina has boat rentals. Scuba diving requires certification and proper equipment, including a diver's down flag. Lifeguards are on duty at Brandy Creek beach, as scheduled, in the summer months.

Hiking, Mountain Biking, Horseback Riding The land surrounding Whiskeytown Lake provides opportunities for these activities. Mountain biking and horseback riding are allowed on most trails. Ask at the visitor center about trail use.

Fishing Fishing is permitted from a boat or the shore. Species include rainbow and brown trout; largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass; and kokanee salmon. A California fishing license is required. Ask about park-specific restrictions.

Gold Panning You must register for gold panning at the visitor center (\$1.00 fee). Only recreational gold panning is allowed. Ask for details.

Camping Oak Bottom tent campground has fire grates and central restrooms. Oak Bottom RV campground includes a central restroom, dump station, and water but no hookups. Hot showers (fee) are at Oak Bottom beach restrooms. Brandy Creek has RV camping for self-contained units only—a dump station and water are provided; no hookups or restrooms. A 14-day limit applies for all camping from May 15 to September 15; a 30-day limit applies for the rest of the year.

Primitive/Backcountry Camping Whiskeytown has primitive campgrounds; permit required (fee). These campgrounds have fire rings, tables, food storage lockers, and restrooms. Traditional backpack camping is available with a Backcountry Use Permit (no fee). Ask for camping regulations when you get your permit.

Backcountry Exploration The backcountry has many miles of trails and unpaved dirt and gravel

roads. Four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended on all dirt and gravel roads. Motorized vehicles must be street legal and are prohibited off-road. Use caution and common sense when using these roads. If you have vehicle trouble, stay on the road when going for help. Contact the visitor center for winter closures, current road conditions, and information about these trails.

Fees Purchase daily, weekly, and annual passes and goldpanning and primitive camping permits at the visitor center. Golden Age and Golden Access passports and Interagency Annual, Senior, and Access passes are accepted at Whiskeytown. Display all passes on your vehicle dashboard.

Regulations and Safety See safety tips in the park newspaper. Know the regulations—your safety is your responsibility! • Fires are allowed only in fire grates. Fire use may be restricted if fire danger is extreme. • Pets must be leashed at all times. Pets

are not allowed on beaches at Oak Bottom, Brandy Creek, and East Beach. • Never swim alone. Watch children closely in and near water. • Do not feed park animals. • Store food in bear-proof lockers or out of sight in a secured vehicle. • Do not damage or remove any natural or cultural resources—all are protected by federal law. **Emergencies: call 911.**

For More Information Whiskeytown National Recreation Area P.O. Box 188 Whiskeytown, CA 96095 530-242-3400 www.nps.gov/whis

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